

ANALYSIS OF THE WESTERN FRONT

ected to cover and save. It has not yet been the theatre of any great action since the war of movement ceased in the West and siege lines were established. I see no hardy has written suggesting that this sector may most probably attract the enemy. His words always have weight, and his summary of reasons is strong.

In conclusion we must remember that such a list as I have given here has no relation to forecasting or to the stupid form of sensationalism which pretends to have unmasked the enemy's design. It is merely a very brief summary of the calculable elements for and against the various parts of the line as to the theatre of the enemy's operations this year. We must also remember that, since surprise is an essential of success, he must depend more upon tactical novelty in weapons or method of attack than on the choice of ground when all ground is continuously covered and watched.